

REMARKS

Status of case

Claims 1-45 are pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 12, 17, 17, 29 in U.S. Application No. 10/684,152 (hereinafter ‘152) are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/684, 222 (hereinafter ‘222). Claim 43 ‘152 is provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 40 of co-pending ‘222. Claims 2, 5, 16, 18, 20 and 28 ‘152 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of co-pending ‘222. Claims 10 and 14 ‘152 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/684,208 (hereinafter ‘208). Claims 11, 15 and 26 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 9 of co-pending ‘208.

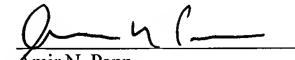
Applicant files terminal disclaimers to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Response to Office Action mailed December 24, 2008

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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